

**State of Minnesota**  
**Seeks Citizen Participation Developing Its**  
**Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development**  
**2012-2016**

In 1994, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development consolidated the planning, application, reporting and citizen participation processes of four formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The process is intended to encourage citizen participation and to more comprehensively fulfill three basic goals: to provide decent housing, to provide a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities.

Provision of decent housing may involve assisting homeless persons in obtaining appropriate housing, retaining the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of permanent affordable housing for low-income households, identifying and overcoming impediments to fair housing choice, or increasing supportive housing to assist persons with special needs. Providing a suitable living environment might entail improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods, including the provision of adequate public facilities; deconcentrating housing opportunities and revitalizing neighborhoods; restoring and preserving natural and physical features with historic, architectural, and aesthetic value; and conserving energy resources. Expanding economic opportunities can involve creation of accessible jobs, providing access to resources for community development, and assisting low-income persons in achieving self-sufficiency.

To seek input from the public concerning the four programs and impediments to fair housing choice, five public forums will be held across the state. [View the locations of the forums.](#)

If you would rather attend a forum via conference call, you may dial in to the session hosted by Minnesota Housing on Thursday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You may dial 1-888-742-5095, and use the conference code: 2680427896. No registration is necessary for attending via conference call, but if you would like to have the slides for the presentation emailed to you before the session, please contact Jim Cegla at [jim.cegla@state.mn.us](mailto:jim.cegla@state.mn.us).

Citizens may also provide input by taking one or both of the following surveys. Just click on the links below to take the surveys.

[Housing and Community Development Survey](#)

[Fair Housing Survey](#)